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**Via ECF**

Hon. Steven M. Gold  
United States Chief Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

***Re: Patrick Alford, et al v. The City of New York.***  
***Docket Number: CV 11-1583***

***Rodriguez v. The City of New York***  
***Docket Number: CV 10 -4661***

Dear Judge Gold:

This office represents plaintiffs, Patrick Alford, Sr. and J.A., in the above referenced matter. I am again writing to Your Honor to update you on the condition of Mr. Alford.

I am pleased to advise you that I have recently spoken with Mr. Alford. He is still hospitalized. He has an external fixation device on his right leg and, thus, he cannot weight-bear and remains bedridden. The external fixation device was scheduled to be removed last week, however, that procedure was postponed due to minor complications.

He is undergoing traumatic brain injury therapy and physical therapy. He is scheduled to have a titanium plate surgically implanted in his head next week, to take the place of the missing portion of his skull.

Regarding the appointment of a guardian for Mr. Alford, I do not believe that will be necessary. I was able to converse with him and, other than his current physical condition, there

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would appear to be no obstacles which would prevent him from assisting in the prosecution of this case and appearing for a deposition. Thus, I do not intend to ask the Court to appoint a guardian for Mr. Alford.

Respectfully,

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Alford, Patrick/letter to Magistrate Steven Gold 3.23.12  
cc: All Counsel via ECF